

positions and are an honor to the church of Christ either as pastors, teachers or simple members, for the most part are indebted to the Pointe-aux-Trembles school, now in the hands of the Presbyterians, or to the Grande Ligne and Subrevois institutions. The children who have attended these schools have been used by God in a marvellous way to scatter precious seeds which we, younger missionaries, are reaping every day. It is admitted by all that these mission schools have been the most effective among all evangelistic agencies employed. They were found to be the indispensable supplements to the work done by the missionary from house to house. As soon as he found a family somewhat inclined towards the Gospel he persuaded them to send their children to one of these Christian schools. In the spring when they went back to their homes, so different, so much improved in every way and often truly converted to Christ, the parents could not but be convinced that a religion that produced such results must be good.

III. ITS ACTUAL STATE.

In attempting to speak on the actual state of the work in America, one must do so in a general way. Fifty years ago there were not known to be any French speaking Protestants in Canada. A carefully prepared estimate shows that to-day there are in Canada over 100 French Protestant preaching stations with about 4000 members and 11,000 adherents; 65 Sabbath schools and 25 mission schools with an attendance of 3000 children; 110 missionaries, colporteurs and teachers diffusing Gospel light.

In the city of Montreal there are five churches and two missions and a French Society of which any city might well be proud. Under the direction of French Protestants there are two or three institutions for young ladies who wish to acquire a knowledge of the French language without patronizing Roman Catholic convents in which Protestant children should never be found.

The missionary schools of which I spoke are now doing more work than ever. The Pointe-aux-Trembles institution gave instruction to 122 boys and girls last winter, 32 of whom gave their hearts to Christ and joined the church. It may be interesting to state that 19 young people went to these schools from our Massachusetts French Protestant churches this winter.

As far as I can ascertain there are between 50 and 70 French Protestant preaching stations in the United States. Some churches, such as those of St. Anne, Ill., and New York, are strong and growing in influence and power. Through the efforts of Father Chiniquy